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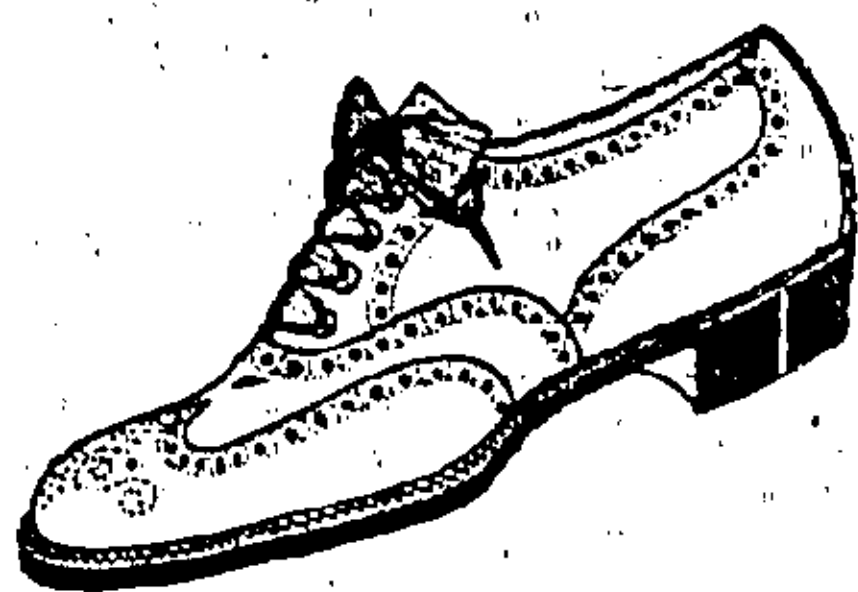
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AN EVENTFUL FLIGHT.

[FROM LIEUT. COMMANDER LANSDOWNE (U.S.N. OBSERVER).]

New York, July 6th.

His Majesty's airship R34, bound for New York, graciously extended an invitation to the United States Navy to send a representative, and I have been a most fortunate individual. I had been with the R34 since June 1st, and had an opportunity of making a 37-hour Baltic flight during the middle of last month. This trip convinced me that the airship was equal to anything, and was only limited by the amount of fuel she could carry. Major Scott, the captain, Major Cook, the navigator, Lieutenant Harris, the meteorological officer, and others were old friends of mine, dating back to February, 1917, for I served in England and at British air stations until February, 1918. It is due to the courtesy of General Maitland and the British Air Ministry that I have been able to make this flight, and early instructions in practical experiments were received at their hands. Major Scott is easily the world's most capable airship pioneer, and has forgotten more about airships than most of the rest of us ever knew. It has been demonstrated that he was the proper man for the undertaking, and for the successful completion of the difficult task assigned to him.

R34 had a complement of thirty officers and men, and a lift of about twenty-five tons. I was detailed as a regular member of the crew, and Major Pritchard and myself were "opposite numbers" of the crew, that is, doing the same duties and sharing the same hammock. Four hours on and four off, the one off duty making use of the hammock. It is particularly gratifying for General Maitland, the head of the British airship service throughout the war, and the man responsible for the great success which the service has achieved in this remarkable flight. It is unfortunate that General Maitland is not stopping for a while in America, as he is one of England's pioneer aviators, and also one of her most delightful gentlemen.

Preparations for the R34's flight were made to leave East Fortune, near Edinburgh, at two a.m. on Wednesday, July 2nd, 1919. At this early hour of the morning the greatest life is obtainable. After a hearty dinner on Tuesday night, the ship's company were again fed at midnight. After this I went to my cabin and slipped into my flying clothes. I arrived at the station shortly before one a.m. The weather had been blustery for the preceding twenty-four hours very consistently, and I estimated that it was still blowing about twelve miles per hour on deck, and there was a thick mist overhead.

After bidding good-bye, I went to my station. The ship was then carefully weighted off and the engines and all controls thoroughly tested. The R34 carried, as part of her ballast, half a ton of water, and when the process of weighting off was being gone through, a great quantity of water was spilled over the spectators, thoroughly drenching many of them, but without damping their enthusiasm. At 1.15 a.m. the landing officer took charge of the ship, and just at the minute hand of our watch recorded 1.15 a.m. on July 2nd, the order was given to "let go." The ship rose gently and gracefully, taking the air as easily as a lark. Swiftly the big dirigible climbed higher, and as the mist crept in below us the waving figures on land were absorbed one by one in the dim grey mass. A few faint cheers came to us as we mounted, and we realized that the big dirigible was at last off on her voyage between two worlds.

Fairly off, we looked about to see with what means we were to make the trip. The first thing we investigated, not unaturally, was the ladder. A great quantity of cooked meats, hams, roast beef, sausages, and beef-stew pies were piled up in the store-room, and we had only to get out the aluminium cooking utensils and go into the engine-room, and soon we had a piping hot meal ready, and regularly we heated our broths, teas, and cocoa.

We had aboard the ship thirty hard-boiled eggs, and as our first meal, by way of lubrication, every man aboard ship had one of the eggs. I say, every man, but I am in error there, for we had come only a short distance when we discovered that we had thirty-one instead of thirty meals aboard. Somehow and sometime, a 19-year-old lad, with a banking for adventure, had managed to elude the force of guards and had stolen aboard the R34. He managed to get down right next to the keel, a safe hiding-place. The only name he ever gave us was Ballantine. He speedily became a great favourite aboard the ship and proved useful in many ways; in fact, Ballantine secured a job as extra cook.

Owing to the fact that we were all warmly clad, none of us experienced the slightest chilliness after we got well under way. All the way across the ocean we were busy shedding our burdensome aviation garb, and we certainly discovered one thing on this flight, and that is that no one need fear the cold. One of the first things we did was to don our lifebelts, which, in addition to keeping one afloat, were designed with a parachute attachment that ensured against a too-rapid descent in case of accident.

Returning to the period of our flight immediately after the ascent from East Fortune, the navigating officer quickly pulled R34 up to an elevation of about 1,000. When this height was reached the ascent was checked, and Major Scott ordered full power ahead with all four engines. Fortunately, at the start, we had a following rust wind, which increased our pace. High over the fog we sped across Scotland, and, after a few hours at this speed, Major Scott ran the ship up another 500ft. I started the flight off duty, and as it was misty and disagreeable

I soon left my post on the starboard side and turned in below. The sleeping quarters were down near the keel of the airship, underneath the big gas-bag, and the approach to the hammocks was along what we call the "cat's walk." This was about 15in. wide, and a false step meant that you would plunge through the linen canvas on either side of the board and down into the ocean.

Flying at a comparatively low altitude over the hill sections of Scotland caused the ship to become a bit bumpy, and we were all shaken up. Four hours after I turned in I was called to do my trick, and I found we were clear of the Scottish coast. It was brown in the clear daylight, and we were already off the Irish coast, and far below I saw a steamship following along the same course we were taking. It was a beautiful sight to see the green cliffs of Ireland standing out so clearly in the brilliant sunshine after our inauspicious start, and the fog. Taking advantage of the good weather, Major Cook, our navigator, set the course for America, while everybody was at their post, cheerful and brimful of confidence. I had a good opportunity to mark this spirit, since, for the first two hours of my watch, I had the comparatively simple task of watching the condenser valves. When six o'clock came along, however, I took the steering wheel for a two-hour trick, and speedily found that keeping the mammoth dirigible on her course was a big task.

PUTTING THE CLOCK BACK.

When I finished my work at the wheel the breakfast call was sounded, and soon after I once again turned in. At noon I again went on duty. The weather was clear, and so hot that it set everyone complaining. The warmth was due partly to the fact that we were flying at an altitude of 1,200ft. through the clouds. At noon the ship's clock was turned back thirty minutes. We soon found gathering at noon to be one of the pleasantest items of the trip, not because we were specially hungry but because we liked to get together and "swap" conversation. Throughout the afternoon we held on true to our course, and maintained our altitude. We were considerably assisted by a following, north-west wind of twelve knots. We were, however, not making much speed, due to the fact that Major Scott, in order to save fuel, had ordered all but two engines to shut down. As night came on the ship's commander decided to increase the speed, and the third engine was put in commission.

Throughout the trip we never experienced the slightest trouble with our engines. By four o'clock that afternoon, ten time, as my flying companions termed it, we checked up, and found that we were already more than 600 miles westward. When tea was served we began to get real home-like, a phonograph was started, and we had our jam and biscuits. The stirring tune of patriotic songs and jazz melodies. We all wanted to dance, but of course airships have not reached the ball-room stage yet. I then went on the dog watch, from four to eight, in order to break up the monotony of the schedule arranged for Major Pritchard and myself. This breaking up of the watches had been planned in advance, so that the men might, each in their turn, have an opportunity of observing the flight conditions at different times of the day. At six o'clock we were still favoured by north-east winds, and at this hour the hands of the clock were again set back half an hour.

Every four hours regularly, we received full weather reports, we were in touch with St. John's, Nova Scotia, East Fortune, and the Azores, as well as the Air Ministry in London. The reports showed that the wind was a few miles higher than that in the Atlantic, and we were advised that this condition would continue for some time. We got our first touch of unpleasant weather between seven and eight o'clock, when we ran into a nasty rain squall. To avoid this we ran up to 3,000ft. and passed over the squall. Later we came down to our altitude of 1,200ft. That night for supper, in celebration of our progress, we put cheese on the menu.

CLOUDS AND WIND.

The morning of July 3rd dawned clear. I was kept down below most of the morning, and we began to experience a peculiar sensation of sleepiness. We were unable at that time, nor have we yet been able, to explain this drowsiness. Despite the brilliance of the day we were unable to catch a glimpse of the ocean, for a blanket of clouds was between us. Later we ran into a cloud pocket, that is, clouds were above and below us; and to avoid this we added 2,000ft. to our altitude, bringing us up close to 4,000ft., which was our height record up to that time. The navigator, Major Cook, despite unfavourable conditions, succeeded in taking an observation. The conditions, improving, the R34 was driven down within 600ft. of the water, in order to ascertain the direction of the wind and the drift of the clouds. The routine of watch on and watch off continued without incident. We soon found life aboard a big dirigible was practically the same as life aboard a steamship. There was no thought of uncertainty; we were bound for America, and we knew we would get there. It was simply a question of the exact time of our arrival, and the matter was entirely dependent on the weather.

In lat. 52.25 North, long. 40.40 West, we ran into our first area of depression. This depression was encountered off Newfoundland. It was quite severe, and we soon found, through our instruments, that we were bucking a wind of about forty-five knots, south by west. This meant that we were encountering the opposition of a wind of about fifty-nautical miles per hour and necessitated the employment of all our engines at full speed. Such action, although absolutely necessary, cut deeply into our petrol supply.

We finally passed through the centre of the depression, having gone somewhat to the north of our mapped-out course in order to escape, if possible, the heaviest part of the storm. At 7.14 p.m. we had

another bit of bad luck, as we ran into a thick fog while flying low to get the wind and drift better. Throughout our troubles here his Majesty's ship Tiger, stationed in latitude 55 North and longitude 40 West, St. John's, Newfoundland, rendered us invaluable assistance through her constant wireless advice.

Through all our troubles at this point there remained one impression fresher than all the rest. While the wind was howling, and our petrol supply was so precious that upon its conservation depended our safety, I had occasion to go below, and the first thing I saw as I entered the sleeping quarters were two English officers coolly chatting and laughing. "Rather a nasty bit of weather," said one of them as I entered, and before I could reply the other one, peering into a small mirror and busily lathering his face, said: "Not half as rotten as this new shaving soap someone rushed on me." Up to that time I confess, I had not thought of shaving, nor to make the confession fuller, did I shave until we safely landed at Minicola. For hours we were compelled to fight unceasingly against adverse winds, and steadily our supply of petrol declined. Just, however, when the first signs of gloominess began to appear, the wind shifted, the blue-black clouds broke as though torn apart by some giant hand, and we saw the west flaming in a beautiful sunset. We took heart at this, and hailed it as a happy omen. Throughout the remainder of the night, notwithstanding the clearing conditions, we were unable to keep any definite check on the wind. Stilling along through the dark hours, a trifle uncertain as to our exact direction, we kept on. In the morning we found ourselves rising high above the fog, and had a chance to get some good sights. In order to get them, however, we were compelled to go up more than 5,000ft.

As the day wore on, the wind became lighter, and the fog trailed off in vanishing wisps. Heading westward, the gas in the tail of the ship was expanded by the sun, and the stern became very light, making it necessary to start up another engine in order to maintain an even keel. Throughout the trip we were very reluctant to use our full engine power, due to the necessity of conserving our fuel.

NEWFOUNDLAND IN 30 HOURS.

About this time we experienced the first real touch of our trip. That is, we had an opportunity of viewing an iceberg from overhead. It was a great, jagged mountain of white, with a base 7,000 ft. broad. We were all watching for fear that the cold of the berg might have an effect on the gas-bag above us. To avoid this we went up some distance and sailed over the berg, not quite as gracefully, but just as effectively, as a hunter takes a fence. About 12.50 on July 4th we caught our first glimpse of land far ahead, and dim in the fog we saw Newfoundland. In a short time we went over the land, and every man gave a cheer. We had crossed from Scotland to Newfoundland, through fog and squall, in fifty-nine hours. We passed over Newfoundland through a heavy fog, but, dipping now and then, we caught a more or less good view of the wild, picturesque country. General Maitland had brought along some official mail in a pouch. As we passed over a town he dropped the bag, attached to a parachute over the side, and we saw it float easily down. We sailed over Nova Scotia on westerly course, making about forty-six knots, with everybody in high spirits. We were all confident we would reach New York on the following day, and we were not out seeking speed records. Just before we made Cape Canso, Nova Scotia, we ran into strong head winds; this was at seven a.m. on July 5th. To escape the severity of the wind Major Scott cut across Nova Scotia to the headwaters of the Bay of Fundy. He set a course to follow the St. Mary's River valley to the westward. This was an excellent piece of headwork, and saved us many precious hours of petrol. We soon found that it was better going in the Bay of Fundy, as we met with favourable winds there.

Coming down the Maine coast to New York we encountered some exceptionally heavy heavy thunderstorms, but succeeded in dodging them for the most part. During the first squall I happened to be at the elevating wheel. When we struck it we were flying at an altitude of 600ft. In a few seconds I found that the altitude meter registered 1,200ft. Although we had the rudder hard down, we had been bound up 500ft. The men in the hammocks were nearly thrown out by the suddenness of the blow. In airships thunderstorms should always be avoided if possible.

END OF THE JOURNEY.

We were still worried over the depletion of our petrol supply, and consequently we steamed slowly, seeking every favourable wind in order that we might reach our destination. We were determined that we would not break our flight, not even for re-fueling. The Navy Department was taking excellent care of us all this time. They had arranged to have us land near Boston if this became necessary. Fortunately, however, due to the rare skill of Major Scott and Engineer-Lieutenant Shotter, we were able to make our destination at Minicola, at 9.54 on Sunday morning, where thorough preparations had been made for our reception. In accordance with our plans, Major Pritchard went over the side in a parachute as we came over the Roosevelt Field. His jump of 1,000ft. was to supervise the work of descent. When we were safely pulled down, our official records showed that we had covered somewhat more than 3,000 neutral miles, and our elapsed flying time was a trifle more than 108 hours.

I thoroughly believe that the future of the airship for commercial aviation has been established. I make this assertion from my personal observation aboard the R34, and I earnestly hope that American in this matter will keep pace with our progressive cousins across the sea. Such co-ordination, I firmly believe, will augment, if that is possible, the close relationship that binds the two great English-speaking peoples.—Daily Telegraph.

CANTON NEWS.

August 21st.

BLACK PROSPECTS.

It is rumoured that the prominent leaders in the South have reached agreements with the Peking Government.

A general peace may be concluded without the aid of the Shanghai Conference if the resumption of the Conference is delayed. We are informed that Commander Lam Po-yik, of the 1st Squadron in Canton, has approved the re-union of the North and South, and will leave Canton with the Squadron shortly.

General Luk Wing-ting, has recently telegraphed his support to the Peking Government.

Dr. Wu Ting-fang, in view of the impending peace, has expressed to the M.P.s. his intention to retire.

Another message states that the international peace conference is to be resumed at Shanghai, and the peace envoys of the North and South are ordered to proceed thither as soon as possible, as the resumption of the conference may be commenced immediately.

RAILWAY ROBBERY.

It is reported that Ho-Tau station on the Canton-Hankow Railway, and the adjacent railway police-quarters were attacked, yesterday, by robbers. Everything, including a large quantity of arms, was carried away. The loss is considerable.

COMPANY REPORT.

SHANGHAI C. M. CO., LTD.

At a meeting of the directors of the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd., held recently, it was decided that the shareholders should be recommended to apportion the balance of Tls. 1,362,014.04, as credit of profit and loss account on June 30th, 1919, as follows:

Div. of Tls. 18	720,000.00
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A GAMBLER'S LUCKY DAY.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, a Chinese was charged with street gambling.

Inspector Macdonald stated that defendant, when arrested, had several ten-cent pieces in his possession, though there were only eight cents as stakes.

"You had a lucky day with dice," remarked Mr. Lindsell.

"No, ask the constable, he had a lucky day," replied defendant.

Mr. Lindsell: What do you mean?

Defendant: Nothing.

Inspector Macdonald: He keeps a gambling school. There is too much street gambling going on, and I hope your Worship will inflict a heavy penalty.

Mr. Lindsell: There is no proof that he keeps a school—\$3 fine, eight cents for the poor-box.

A NEIGHBOURS' QUARREL.

Two families lived on the first and second floors, respectively, of a building in Hollywood Road. On the second floor, there was a water tap for the common use of the residents of the premises. One day the wife of the man living on the first floor complained to her husband that she could not get any water for cooking the rice as the man on top had spoilt the tap. The husband, accompanied by a friend, went up to the second floor to investigate. A quarrel ensued, and the occupant of the second floor attacked the two men with a chopper. The trio were arrested by the Police and produced at the Magistracy, yesterday, where they were bound over in personal bonds of \$50 each to be of good behaviour for six months.

A BOY WITH IDEAS.

A small boy was hungry, and he had no money for food. Suddenly an idea struck him. He washed his face, brushed his hair, wiped the dust from his shoes, and walked into a store, where he ordered some sweets, tobacco and cigarettes. When the store-keeper asked for payment the boy told him to send the bill to another shop in the same street. He then visited the other shop, ordered similar supplies, and told the proprietor he was the fellow of the shop he had just cheated. Later on the two store-keepers discovered that they had been "stung." The Police assisted them in finding the boy, to whom Mr. N. Smith awarded ten strokes with the birch at the Magistracy, yesterday.

PRESENTATION TO CAPTAIN MILROY

FROM THE KOWLOON BOWLING CLUB.

The members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club gathered in full force, yesterday evening, to bid Captain and Mrs. Milroy farewell and to present the former with a leather dressing case.

Mr. D. Gow, in making the presentation, said: "We are met this evening to take formal farewell of one of the Club's most popular members, Captain Milroy, who is leaving Hongkong in a few days after many years' stay here. Captain Milroy is one of the original members of the Club, and in its infancy and for many years after he was an active member of the committee, being President on one occasion. He has done much for the good of the Club and always had its best interests at heart, even when not in any active capacity. Some of the later improvements are due to Captain Milroy's suggestions and advice. As a good all-round 'sport' Captain Milroy is known all up and down the Coast. He is equally at home on the bowling green, in the field with his finger on the trigger of a gun waiting for the call 'mark over,' or in a sailing boat watching for signs of a puff of wind which only the expert eye could detect. Just lately Captain Milroy has forsaken the gentler game of bowls for the more strenuous one of golf, and is already no mean exponent with the clubs, which goes to show that the assertion that a man is not too old at forty. At all these games Captain Milroy has been the true and gentlemanly 'sport.' As one who has been able to count Captain Milroy as close friend for over twenty years, I can speak of his sterling qualities as a man who always keeps his word and is a friend worth having."

I should like to add here that Mrs. Milroy has also done good work on behalf of the Club in the years past, always coming forward with a helping hand on "At Home" days. Anyone who has had the pleasure of enjoying their united hospitality at the Sailors' Home, as I have done often, must have had the feeling that it was good to be counted among their friends.

Captain Milroy, you and your good lady will be missed by us all, but you will not be forgotten, and there will always be kindly remembrances of Tony and Madame Milroy, of the Sailors' Home. May it be our pleasure sometime to welcome you both again, if even on a passing visit. On behalf of the members of this club, I ask you to accept this suit-case, which is only a small token of the esteem and regard in which you are held by them. With it go their heartfelt wishes that you and the Madame will enjoy many more years of health and happiness in whichever land you choose to settle, and may this gift always have pleasant memories of the years spent among the members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. (Applause.)

Captain Milroy, in acknowledgment, said: "Mr. Gow and members of the Kowloon Bowling Club, I don't know how to thank you for your kindness in presenting me with this lovely gift. I assure you that I appreciate your kindness very much indeed. I can also assure you that I will treasure this gift all the days of my life. It is a very substantial one, and looks tougher than I am. I am just beginning to realise now that I am outward bound. I cannot say 'homeward,' because when I leave Hongkong I shall be leaving my home. At the same time I wish all my friends the best of luck, and I hope to have the pleasure of meeting them some other time either in sunny Australia or on the frosty mountains of Scotland, or somewhere else. I shall always be pleased to see you all. Mr. Gow has remarked that I was one of the original members of the Kowloon Bowling Club, and I can assure you all that I am proud of it. Whenever I have felt out of sorts I have made a point of coming to the club, and on the veranda I always met with a smile and a few kind words. I will not detain you longer but will ask you to drink to the success of the club. (Applause.)

Mr. W. Davison spoke a few words, wishing Captain and Mrs. Milroy long life, health, prosperity and good-speed.

Mr. R. Hall referred to the sporting activities of Captain Milroy, and Mr. E. Frost mentioned the good work done by Captain Milroy for the club.

Three cheers were given for Captain and Mrs. Milroy, after which the company sang "For he's a jolly good fellow."

AN OPIUM CASE.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, a Chinese was charged with being in unlawful possession of three tins of opium.

Defendant's luggage was searched on one of the wharves in the Central district and the opium was found concealed in a trunk.

Defendant, who stated that he purchased the opium in Hongkong, was fined \$250.

A THEATRICAL DISPUTE.

CLAIM FOR ALLEGED BREACH OF CONTRACT.

An action has been commenced in the Summary Court, Hongkong, by Mr. W. R. Horley, proprietor of the Banvard Musical Comedy Company, to recover \$1,000 from Mr. Robert Ryks, till recently the Company's "leading man," as damages for breach of a contract entered into between the parties on December 18th, 1918.

Owing to the departure of the Company for Singapore on Tuesday, the evidence of Mr. W. R. Horley was taken *de bene esse* by the Registrar, on Monday.

Mr. W. R. Horley stated that, although the contract engaging the defendant was signed in December last, the defendant was actually engaged between January 11th and 22nd. The universal custom in the case of a touring company was that the period of engagement started from the day of setting out. The Company took train from San Francisco to Seattle on February 11th, and plaintiff commenced to pay for the Company's food from that day. The defendant's salary began on or about March 10th, when they opened at Yokohama. By the contract, the defendant bound himself to play for 8 months, and for a further 6 months at the option of his employer. The eight months commenced from the date they left San Francisco. In Vladivostok, on July 21st, the defendant asked him to terminate the agreement, saying "I want to finish and I want to leave in two months." Witness replied: "It is impossible. When you have finished your contract you can go home." On August 18th he received a letter from Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist stating that the defendant, having completed his agreement, wished to go back to the States, and asking for his passport. Plaintiff then went to discuss the matter with the defendant, but found that the latter had left for Canton. Plaintiff estimated that he made an average of \$400 net profit from each performance. The defendant did not reappear on Aug. 18th, and, in consequence, the performance advertised for that date had to be cancelled. This caused a loss to him of \$500 working expenses, besides money which he should have received from the public. The Company was due to arrive at Singapore on August 21st, and to give two performances there. The defendant was the leading man, and if plaintiff was obliged to perform in Singapore without him the reputation of the Company throughout the East would be seriously damaged. The absence of the defendant in Singapore would, in plaintiff's estimation, reduce his takings, after the first performance, by one-half. There was a very good chance of his not being able to perform in Singapore at all without the defendant.

Plaintiff also claims from the defendant the return of \$350 (gold), being the balance of certain money lent.

ALLEGED MURDERERS

ARRRESTED.

SMART WORK BY YAU MATI POLICE.

The Yau mati Police are to be congratulated on the arrest of four Chinese who are suspected of being concerned in the murder of the master of a rattle shop in Shanghai Street.

As reported a few days ago, the master of the rattle shop was walking along Shanghai Street on Saturday night when he was attacked by ten men, armed with daggers. When the Police arrived on the scene the injured man had succumbed.

The Yau mati Police became active immediately, and as a result of their investigations they surrounded a house in Yau mati and arrested six men. At an identification parade two men were not identified and these were discharged. (Of the other four the evidence against one man is very strong, but there is only one witness able to testify against the remaining three.)

The men were charged at the Magistracy, yesterday, with murder.

Mr. Linsell remanded the case for a week.

A SNATCHING CASE.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, a Chinese was charged with snatching a gold watch and chain and two pendants from another Chinese in Connaught Road Central early yesterday morning.

Inspector Brazil informed the Magistrate that the watch and chain only had been recovered. Defendant was arrested after a long chase.

Mr. Smith sentenced defendant to six months' hard labour.

AMMUNITION SMUGGLERS

ARRESTED.

SMART WORK BY DETECTIVES.

As the result of some smart work by the detectives of the local Police Force three ammunition smugglers were arrested, yesterday, and produced at the Magistracy.

In the first case a Chinese coolie was charged with being in unlawful possession of 1,400 rounds of ammunition.

Defendant informed the Magistrate that he was only a coolie and had been engaged by a Chinese passenger on the *Empress of Japan* to convey a parcel from the vessel to the Kowloon Ferry Wharf.

Sergeant Aris stated that, on information received by the Police, a Chinese detective was detailed to investigate the smuggling of ammunition. This man waited near the Ferry wharf and noticed two men, one of whom was carrying a cobbler's basket, coming towards him. As soon as the men saw him they attempted to run away. The man carrying the basket managed to escape, but the coolie was arrested. Concealed in a girdle round his waist were 200 rounds of ammunition. The basket contained 1,200 rounds.

Defendant: The man asked me to put the ammunition in my girdle. At first I thought they were nails.

Defendant: Defendant was not carrying the basket?

Sergeant Aris: No.

Mrs. Linsell: Then it is hardly fair he should be charged with the possession of the whole of the ammunition. I will fine him \$200, with the alternative of two months' hard labour.

The luggage of a Chinese passenger from America was searched by detectives on the wharf, and, ingeniously concealed in a specially-constructed false-bottomed box, were discovered a Colt revolver, a Wesson Smith revolver, and 83 rounds of ammunition.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, defendant was fined \$50.

Inspector Brazil expressed surprise that so small a fine should have been imposed for such a large quantity of ammunition.

Mr. N. L. Smith, however, adhered to his decision.

The principal tenant of a flat in Hollywood Road, who was fined recently for keeping a house of ill-fame, was charged at the Magistracy, yesterday, with being in unlawful possession of 50 rounds of ammunition.

A Chinese girl living in the same flat was charged with possession of a similar quantity.

Sergeant Wills stated that the Police had received information that the flat was frequented by bad characters who were "wanted" by the Police for various offences, and consequently a surreptitious watch was kept on the house. No bad characters, however, visited the place, probably being aware of the Police activities. Witness executed a search warrant and discovered 50 rounds of ammunition concealed underneath a mattress, while the girl had hidden 50 rounds in her clothing. Witness believed the principal tenant was a dealer in arms, because the ammunition was of different calibres.

Mr. Smith was of the opinion that the girl was merely a tool in the hands of an unscrupulous person and discharged her. He sentenced the principal tenant to twelve months' hard labour without the option of a fine.

PRISON WARDERS. ENTERTAIN.

COMRADES FROM THE WAR.

The members of the Warders Mess, Victoria Gaol, gave a dinner, last night, in honour of their colleagues who had returned from war service—Messrs. Speed, Johnson (M.M.), Diddbury, Millington (M.M. and bar) and Gibson.

Mr. A. G. Passmore, principal warder, presided. The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.S.P., was unavoidably delayed and attended the function at about 9 p.m. At about 9.45 p.m. an alarm of fire caused the Hon. Mr. Wolfe and several members of the Police to make a hurried departure.

Great conviviality prevailed during the repast, after which a number of naval, military and police guests attended. A very enjoyable time was spent, amongst those who contributed to a musical programme being Messrs. Speed, Pimlott, Eitershank, Pirdie, Hoyt, Bishop, Millington, Rushdon, and West. Mr. Shervington gave an exhibition of sword-swearing, with pianoforte accompaniment by Mr. Hoyt.

The proceedings continued till about midnight.

A TRIAD SOCIETY

THE SECRET SIGNS.

At the Magistracy, on Wednesday afternoon, before Mr. N. L. Smith, four men and a boy were charged with unlawfully keeping a Triad Society.

Mr. Mok Lai Chee, headmaster of the Morrison English School, stated that he was an expert in reading, secret documents, and had examined all the documents which were found in defendants' quarters. One exhibit contained rhymes and pass words of the Society; another had questions, answers, and special names for identifying members. Five stones and five straws were put before a man, and if certain questions were correctly answered then the man was acknowledged a lodge member of the Society.

Another exhibit was a circular sent out by the Wai San Society, to officers and members soliciting money for the purchase of furniture, while another was a letter sent by Tai Ping Shan Sanitary Board Coolies (members) to the Wai San, asking leave to attend an important meeting.

Inspector Watt deposed that under an arrest warrant he went on August 11th, accompanied by a Chinese chief detective, to 11, Yau Yee Lane, and found defendants sitting round a table in the hall playing cards. On searching the place he found a basket containing all the documents. He brought the defendants to the Central Police Station. Continuing, he said that on a previous night a fight occurred between Sanitary Board coolies and members of the Society, in which knives and daggers were used. He received information that on the night of August 11th a fight would take place and those who would participate could be found in Yau Yee Lane.

First defendant denied that he was a member. He had only visited the house to find a friend. Second defendant also denied membership, but the third admitted he was a member. The fifth defendant said he was engaged there as a boy and knew nothing of the Society's affairs. His sole duty was to sweep the floor. He did not know that the basket (containing the documents) was in the hall.

Mr. Smith sentenced each of the defendants to two months' hard labour.

FRAGILE DEATH OF A NAVAL MAN.

The death occurred, under very distressing circumstances, at the Naval Hospital, at 2 a.m. yesterday, of Mr. John Graham, of the Torpedo Depot, Kowloon. The deceased was returning to his quarters at 10.30 at night when he tripped upon the drawbridge in the Torpedo Depot and fell, striking his temple on the masonry work. He was immediately removed to the Naval Hospital, where everything possible was done for him, but in vain. The late Mr. Graham, who is a native of Blackburn, was 41 years of age. He leaves a widow and three children. His eldest boy, a lad of 19, is an invalid in the Perth Hospital, where he has been an inmate ever since he was discharged from the Army two years and a half ago, suffering from wounds and shell-shock. The late Mr. Graham joined the Torpedo Depot, Kowloon, from H.M.S. *Suffolk* about three years ago.

The funeral took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, yesterday afternoon. The cortege passed the Monument at 5 p.m. in the following order:—Firing Party; band of H.M.S. *Kent*, playing Beethoven's "Funeral March"; the gun carriage bearing the coffin; covered with the Union Jack; members of the various units of the Garrison and officers and men of H.M.'s warships; and some civilians.

The Rev. Fr. A. Plazack officiated both at the chapel and at the graveside.

After the service, the coffin was lowered into the grave. The usual three volleys were fired and the "Last Post" was sounded by a bugler of the Royal Marines.

The following sent wreaths:—"John, Jack, Tommy, Polly and Jackie"; H.K.B.-R.G.A. Sergeants Mess; R.N.Y.P. Mess; Sergt. and Mrs. Titmas; Garrison Mess; Sergt. and Mrs. George; C.Q.M.S. Thomas; Mr. A. S. Abbas; Mr. and Mrs. J. Steer; Sergt. Tyrrell; Insp. Boulger; Victualling Dept., Kowloon; Insp. and Mrs. Gerrard; Chief and E.R. As. Tamar; Stokers of the Tamar; European Staff, Victualling Yard; Mr. Mitchell, Naval Cantonment, Kowloon; C.P.O.s Tamar; Mr. Lockie and Mr. W. Henderson; S.P.O.s Tamar; Eng. Commanders Reed and Samson; Chief Armourer of the Kent; S.P.O.s and Stokers, Kowloon; Stoker P.O.s, Tamar; late shipmates of H.M.S. *Suffolk*; C.P.O.s, Kent; Chief and E.R. As. Kent (2); Chief Stokers, Kent; Stokers Deck, Tamar; and Mr. J. R. Boas.

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GENERAL LUDENDORFF'S INTERESTING MEMOIRS.

BRITISH RAILWAYMEN OFFERED DOUBLE PRE-WAR RATES.

BRITISH FLEET CONCENTRATING AT KRONSTADT.

LATEST CABLES.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. PRESIDENT WILSON OPENS PROMISED DEBATE.

WASHINGTON, August 19th. President Wilson, opening the Conference with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at White House, said he did not object to interpretations as to how the United States accepts the League of Nations, provided these did not constitute part of the formal ratification.

If interpretations were a part of the formal ratification, it would mean a long delay, as other Governments would have to accept the language of the Senate as the language of the Treaty. Most of the interpretations seemed to him to suggest the plain meaning of the instrument itself.

President Wilson declared that he re-wrote his draft of the League of Nations in the light of the paper by General Smuts, who seemed to have done some very clear thinking, particularly as regards what was to be done to pieces of a dismembered Empire.

Replying to a number of questions, he said that in the event of the League considering the application of force against some Power to be necessary, the United States would not be under legal obligation to participate, but would be under a compelling moral obligation.

The League would prevent Japan from assuming any complete sovereignty over Shantung. Asked whether he thought that Japan could be depended upon to carry out her promise in good faith, the President replied that he had every confidence she would.

WAR RESTRICTIONS.

ON THE EXPORT OF CAPITAL.

The Treasury announces the removal of certain war restrictions on the export of capital.

Remittances can now be made abroad for the purchase of any form of property. Hitherto money could only be remitted for the purpose of buying merchandise.

Securities held abroad can now be sold in the Stock Exchange, provided they have not been of enemy ownership since the outbreak of war.

HUNGARY.

BRITISH RECOGNITION OF NEW GOVERNMENT.

PARIS, August 19th. The Peace Conference has not replied to the telegram of the Archduke Joseph saying that he would only hold office till the Constituent Assembly was convened and the future form of Government was decided, but have telegraphed to the Allied Mission in Budapest, stating that while the Allies must reckon with any Government in power, they cannot recognise a Government which is not elected by the Constituent Assembly.

ANGLO-PERSIAN AGREEMENT.

FRENCH UNEASINESS ABOUT FATE OF SYRIA.

PARIS, August 18th. A Havas message says:—The Press continues to criticise the Anglo-Persian Agreement and express uneasiness about the future of Syria.

"DEEP SURPRISE" FELT IN FRANCE.

PARIS, August 19th. A Havas message says:—The Persian Mission in Paris regards the Agreement as having dealt a blow to all hopes of a free and independent Persia.

Deep surprise is felt that President Wilson, the father of the League of Nations, has not sent a strong protest against what they regard as a fundamental violation of the principles of the League of Nations.

LUDENDORFF'S MEMOIRS.

SOME INTERESTING REVELATIONS.

BERLIN, August 19th. Interesting extracts are published from General von Ludendorff's memoirs, written after the Armistice.

He complains that the Suffrage decree of July, 1917, "revealed our weak points to the enemy, showing our fears of revolution."

After the Reichstag peace resolution of 1917, both he and Hindenburg tendered their resignations, which were withdrawn upon Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg retiring.

He refers to Herr Kuehlmann as a post-Bismarck type of diplomatist, whose name will ever be associated with the "Bolshevik" entry into Berlin, and the permitting of Bolshevik propaganda from the Russian Embassy.

Dealing with the critical days towards the end of 1918, he says that even after President Wilson's Second Note he urged a fresh national effort. Indeed, Hindenburg issued an Army Order sharply condemning President Wilson. This Order, says Ludendorff, "brought about my fall."

The Kaiser declared against the Order, so Ludendorff, feeling he had lost his master's confidence, resigned.

The Kaiser, accepting his resignation, said: "Your departure makes it possible for me to create a new State with the help of the Social Democrats."

Ludendorff then went to see Hindenburg, and said: "In a fortnight we shall no longer have a Kaiser."

Perhaps the least known fact the memoirs disclose is that the Germans nearly lost the Battle of Tannenberg, which was only won by Ludendorff drawing off all the troops facing Rennenkampf's Army and concentrating them against Samsonoff's Army.

The battle lasted from August 25th to August 30th. Rennenkampf's immense army lay like a threatening thundercloud in the north-east. All he had to do was to come up and we would have been beaten, but he did not march with his main body beyond the Allenburg-Gerdau-Niedenburg line, and we won a brilliant victory.

"Few people knew my anxious thoughts during these three long days as I looked towards Rennenkampf's Neimen Army."

Germany's Naval Losses.

A TOTAL OF 508 VESSELS.

BERLIN, August 19th. The organ of the German Navy League states that Germany's naval losses in the war were 508 vessels, including 191 submarines, of which 178 were lost in open fight. The personnel who perished in these vessels numbered 18,854.

BRITISH LABOUR.

RAILWAYMEN OFFERED 100 PER CENT. INCREASE.

LONDON, August 19th. The Railwaymen's Unions are considering the new Government offer of standard rates of wages, representing an increase of 100 per cent. on pre-war rates.

THREE DAYS' STRIKE CALLED OFF.

There will be no three days' strike in Liverpool, as threatened unless the Police strikers were reinstated.

A BALLOT BEFORE STRIKING.

At a meeting yesterday evening, the Mersey Federation, representing 25 ship-building and engineering trades, decided to ballot before striking.

WAREHOUSEMEN WILL REMAIN AT WORK.

A crowded meeting of warehousemen resolved to remain at work.

IN THE CAUCASUS.

GREEK APPEAL TO THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

SALONIKA, August 19th. The representatives of 35,000 Greeks in the Ardanah District of the Caucasus have telegraphed to the Peace Conference requesting protection against Turkish soldiers and brigands who, with Enver as a base, are massacring and pillaging the Greeks there.

FRANCE'S OUTLOOK. PRESENT SITUATION WARRANTS OPTIMISM.

PARIS, August 19th.

A Havas message says:—M. Tardieu has delivered a great speech stating that the outlook for the future of France is most reassuring. Already signs of re-birth are visible.

Alsace-Lorraine is bringing in her vast resources of mineral wealth and fertile soil.

The Camerouns and Togoland belong to France. Morocco is liberated from the political and diplomatic hindrances devised by Germany.

French exports, in the first six months of the present year, show an increase of 114,000,000 francs, as compared with last year. In short, said M. Tardieu, the present situation warrants optimism.

THE NEW ALLIANCE.

PARIS, August 19th.

A Havas message says:—The annual meetings of the General Councils of French Departments began yesterday. In nearly all the speeches, reference was made to the wonderful victory won since the meetings held last year.

M. Barthou declared that if the strike is to become an instrument of oppression of the majority by the minority, it must be done away with.

Other speakers pointed to the guarantee which the English-American Alliance gives to France.

DARDANELLES EVACUATION.

COMMISSIONER'S FINDING.

LONDON, August 20th.

The Times states that the Dardanelles Commission has found that the evacuation was justified. It expresses surprise at the Government's delay in publishing the finding.

GEN. SIR ARTHUR CURRIE.

CANADA'S FIRST AND ONLY GENERAL.

OTTAWA, August 20th.

Sir Arthur Currie, commanding the Canadian troops, has been promoted full General, and appointed Inspector-General of Canada. He is the first and only General Canada has hitherto possessed.

AMERICAN DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S VETO DISREGARDED.

WASHINGTON, August 19th.

The House of Representatives, disregarding the President's veto, passed the Daylight Saving Repeal Bill by 223 votes to 101. The Bill now goes to the Senate.

OBITUARY.

THE HON. MARK NAPIER.

LONDON, August 19th.

The Hon. Mark Napier, for 30 years a member of Renter's Board, and Chairman for many years past, died at Inverness, today, of heart failure and complications.

PARLIAMENT.

ADJOURNS UNTIL OCTOBER 22ND.

LONDON, August 19th.

Parliament has adjourned until October 22nd.

COUNTY CRICKET AT HOME.

THREE DAY GAMES NEXT SEASON.

LONDON, August 19th.

The Advisory Committee of the Marylebone C.C. has decided that next season's County Championship games will be of three days' duration.

LONDON, August 19th.

Yorkshire beat Warwickshire by an innings and 81 runs. Sussex beat Lancashire by six wickets. Surrey beat Kent by ten wickets. The Gloucester v. Worcester match was drawn.

MEXICO.

CAPTURED AIRMEN SAFE.

MARFA (Texas), August 20th.

The captured airmen have recrossed the border safely. The ransom was paid. United States cavalry have entered Mexico in pursuit of the bandits.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST TO CARRANZA.

WASHINGTON, August 19th.

The Government has called on Mexico to secure the immediate release of the American aviators. Officials of the State Department announce that the ransom will be paid.

LATEST CABLES.

PRIME MINISTER ON RECONSTRUCTION.

BRITISH PRESS COMMENT.

LONDON, August 19th.

Neither the Tariffers nor the Free Traders in the Lobby are satisfied at the Premier's statement on our future trade policy. Both demand clearer definitions of dumping and key industries.

The action of the Board of Trade in carrying out its licensing powers will be closely watched.

SHIELDING OF DEPARTMENTAL "PRODIGALITY."

The Daily Telegraph is disappointed at the absence of reference to Ireland and other topics, but chiefly at the failure to recognise the strength of the demand from all responsible quarters for a reduction of public expenditure.

The newspaper says:—This shielding of departmental prodigality will spoil the effect of the Premier's warnings in regard to the nation's financial position.

The same newspaper welcomes the bold and imaginative sketch of our industrial policy, the refusal of the nationalisation of mines, and the sensible, modest and practical trade proposals.

A MORE PRUDENT STATEMENT EXPECTED.

The Daily Graphic says that the country expected a more precise statement on the reduction of Government expenditure, and not an announcement of new spheres of Government activity.

PREMIER FULLY REDEMPS HIS PROMISES.

The Daily Chronicle says that, though he did not deal with all the topics the critics had pressed on his notice, the Premier fairly redeemed his pledges when he last addressed the Commons, and clearly indicated that he would not make a further statement on Ireland before the recess.

The Journal hopes that his appeal that the differences between employers and employed would be bridged will not go unheeded.

GRAVELY DISQUIETING.

The Daily News says that the speech was not merely disappointing, but gravely disquieting. He insisted on the need of commercial confidence, but an indispensable condition for the restoration of confidence is the enunciation of a bold, constructive Government policy. Instead of this, the Government offers a series of suggestions on which the Commons' opinion in two months.

"AS KEEN AS HIS POLICY WAS SOUND."

The Daily Express states that the Premier's survey was as keen as his policy was sound, but, as regards economies, it is his duty to set an example in public expenditure.

NEW TRADE POLICY CRITICISED.

The Morning Post says that Mr. Lloyd George, in spite of his warnings, does not appear seriously to intend decreasing expenditure. As regards trade policy, he proposes to supersede the system of licences by a new system of protection, even more arbitrary, capricious and unscientific. "We can conceive nothing better calculated to paralyze industry and commerce."

MANY MATTERS REMAIN UNSETTLED.

The Times states that the utterance was disappointing. His special pleading failed to command attention, and left many matters unsettled.

STANDING ON THE EDGE OF A CHASM.

The Daily Mail states that the speech leaves the nation in a state of uncertainty. There were no new proposals, except in regard to mines. We were told in the plainest terms that we are standing on the edge of a chasm, but all action is postponed. The new commercial policy and the Imperial trade scheme remain the realm of suggestion.

EARLIER CABLES.

TRADE RESTRICTIONS TO BE WITHDRAWN.

LONDON, August 19th.

Continuing his speech in the House of Commons on the nation's trade and industrial outlook—portions of which speech have appeared in our last two issues—the Prime Minister announced that the interim trade policy of trade restrictions would definitely terminate on September 1st. They had been retained to shield industries during demobilisation and the transition from war to peace. The only result of maintaining them after September 1st, would be artificially to increase prices that were already too high.

WATER POWER FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

After dealing with the coal question, as reported in yesterday's issue, the Prime Minister announced that the Government would also submit a scheme for the utilisation of the water-power of the country for industrial purposes.

IMPROVEMENT OF INTER-IMPERIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

He emphasised the importance of fostering Imperial trade, not with a view to increasing our trade but from the important standpoint of the Empire and Civilization. He had several communications from statesmen of the Dominions upon the importance of fostering Imperial trade by improving the means of communication between the Dominions and the Mother-country also between India and the rest of the Empire chiefly by quickening transport.

An Imperial Investigation Commission, presided by the Prime Minister, will be constituted, representing the British and Dominions Governments, and also commercial interests, with a view to carrying out a scheme to improve and increase the trade between the Dominions, India and the Motherland by improving the communications of the Empire.

DELAYS DUE TO AMERICA.

He hoped the Peace Treaty would be ratified by the beginning of September. Till then it would be reckless to reduce the Army to a peace footing. He mentioned that the delay over the peace with Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey was owing to the fact that we were waiting to know whether America was prepared to take a share in guaranteeing the protection of peoples who, if unprotected, would be subject to terrorism, plunder and murder.

THE SETTLEMENT WITH TURKEY.

The future of the British Empire depended on the settlement of the Turkish question. The Government had received appeals from all quarters, including the Conference of the *Inter-Allied* at Lausanne, not to withdraw the troops from the Caucasus. The inhabitants of that region, also, had made an appeal to the same effect, a fact of which he was proud—(Cheers.) There were also other places from which we could not withdraw all our troops at present, but he promised the House that the Army Estimates were being examined on the basis that the great menace to Europe had ended; hence, considerable reductions would be effected. They must remember, however, that our soldiers' pay had doubled and that the cost of material had doubled.

TRUST THE LEAGUE.

The greatest economy could be effected if the great nations which promoted the League of Nations trusted it—(Cheers.) If they increased their armaments the League was a sham—(Cheers.) Those who believed in it must trust it most. Great Britain was ready to trust it; let others do likewise—(Cheers.)

AN APPEAL FOR FAIR PLAY.

Referring to attacks on the Government, the Prime Minister asked—Was it wise, fair or generous, when all systems of government were being challenged, to give Democracy the impression that the Government was guilty of nothing but mistakes, scandals and inefficiency, putting nothing to the credit side?

The Rt. Hon. gentleman concluded by declaring that with a clear eye, a steady hand, and a willing heart the Ship of State would reach calmer and bluer water—(Cheers.)

LATEST CABLES.

UPPER SILEZIA.

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED.

BERLIN, August 20th.

A telegram from Gleiwitz, in Upper Silesia, says that the State Commissioner, in a proclamation, states that the Independent and Spartacists, as persons in Polish pay, have disturbed the peace of months, resulting in a strike, which has culminated in an armed revolt and plundering on August 17th and 18th.

He therefore proclaims martial law, suspends the right to strike, and orders the resumption of work.

COAL MINES BEING DESTROYED.

PARIS, August 20th.

The Allied representatives in Silesia have telegraphed that the strikers are destroying the coal mines in Upper Silesia. The Conference is despatching a Coal Commission to report on the situation.

GERMAN AGITATORS BUSY.

PARIS, August 19th.

The Supreme Council has considered the reports from Warsaw on the subject of strikes in Silesia, affecting 70 per cent. of her industry. The strikes are attributed to German agitators.

COAL DELIVERIES TO FRANCE.

BERLIN, August 20th.

The coal deliveries to France from the Ruhr region have already begun, exceeding 1,000,000 tons in the first month.

EARLIER CABLES.

GRAVE DISORDER EXISTING.

LONDON, August 19th.

The strike movement in Upper Silesia is spreading. Ninety per cent. of the workmen are out. Riots have broken out. The workmen's demands include the abolition of a state of siege, and the reopening of the frontiers to prevent famine.

ALLIED OCCUPATION PROBABLE.

PARIS, August 19th.

It is stated that the Supreme Council has asked the Allied military leaders to take steps to remedy the instability of the situation in Upper Silesia.

ALLIED OCCUPATION IS PROBABLE.

WEST HUNGARY FAVOURS UNION WITH GERMAN-AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, August 20th.

Meetings in 231 Communes in West Hungary passed resolutions in favour of a union with German-Austria.

The Magyar authorities endeavoured to suppress the meetings. This result in sanguinary collisions between the gendarmes and the German population.

AMERICAN FOOD COMMISSION AT WORK.

VIENNA, August 20th.

Mr. H. C. Hoover arrived here today, to confer with the American Food Commission.

EARLIER CABLES.

HUNGARIAN STATESMAN'S GRAVE WARNING.

COPENHAGEN, August 19th.

M. Levaucy has sent a Note to German-Austria relative to the latter's request to the Peace Conference for authorisation to maintain order in West Hungary.

He protests against the step, which would endanger the friendly relations between German-Austria and Hungary.

He says that the German-speaking population of Hungary, which is 3 1/2 of our flesh, can only be freed from the terrors of Bolshevism by national troops sent thither.

AGGRESSION IN WEST HUNGARY.

PARIS, August 19th.

The Supreme Council has considered the Austrian Note complaining of the aggression of Magyar and Rumanian troops in West Hungary which the Peace Treaty has assigned to Austria.

A COAL FAMINE.

VIENNA, August 19th.

Owing to the coal famine, resulting from the miners' strike in Silesia, all express trains in German-Austria are cancelled.

LATEST CABLES.

FIGHTING BOLSHEVISM.

KOLCHAK'S TROOPS STILL RETREATING.

LONDON, August 19th.

Reuter learns that Admiral Kolchak's troops are still retreating, but are putting up well-organised rearguard actions. On the Zamen front, the troops are withdrawing to a new position east of the town of Yelatonovsk.

Round Cheladinsk, an orderly retirement continues towards the Tobol River.

BRITISH FLEET CONCENTRATING AT KRONSTADT.

STOCKHOLM, August 19th.

A telegram from Helsingfors states that the reinforced British fleet has concentrated at Kronstadt, which is reported as being on fire.

BOLSHEVİK LOSSES IN THE NAVAL ACTION.

LONDON, August 18th.

The Admiralty confirms the statement that the Russian battleships *Petrovsk* and *Admiral* were sunk in the action in the Gulf of Finland, and announces that a Russian destroyer was also sunk, while a Russian cruiser was probably seriously damaged. Three British motor-boats were lost.

The Admiralty does not mention the loss of a Russian transport or guardship, nor the losses among the British personnel.

IN A SUBSIDIARY ACTION.

HELSINGFORS, August 19th.

In addition to the Bolshevik warships previously mentioned as sunk in the naval battle, it is reported that a Bolshevik submarine and a depot ship were sunk in an action which occurred off Tolbaken Lighthouse.

EARLIER CABLES.

UKRAINIAN ADVANCE ON KIEF.

LONDON, August 19th.

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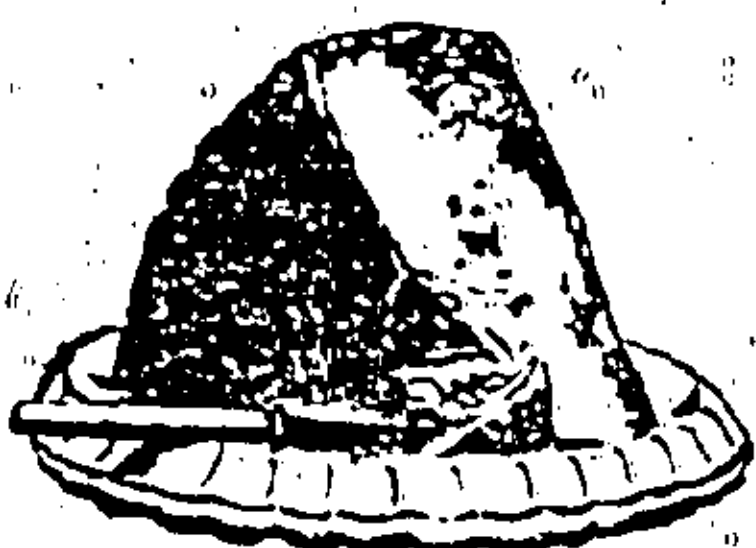
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PREMIER AT CRICCIETH. ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME HOME.

Mr. Lloyd George is always sure of a
warm welcome from the inhabitants of
his native town, but the people of
Criccieth have never before had such a
chance as on July 31st, of showing their
admiration for one who is at once their
neighbour and friend, the Prime Min-
ister and the spokesman of their victorious
country at the most momentous world
council history has ever seen. They rose
to the occasion in a style peculiarly their
own, amid scenes which have never been
approached in the little town even in the
most fervent political excitement of past
days. The Prime Minister's wish for a
few days of complete rest and quiet was
known to the residents, but it was felt
that some small recognition of his work
at the Peace Conference was due from
them at his first appearance among them
since leaving Paris. Mr. Lloyd George
consented to a short informal reception,
and after a tumultuous hour of unre-
strained rejoicing everyone in the district
personally saw him home to his house on
the "Breedy Hill" (Brynawdon), and
left him there for the much-needed hol-
iday.

THROUGH THE COUNTRYSIDE.

The Prime Minister's saloon at the rear
of the train from Euston was the centre
of admiring crowds, at every stopping
place, but there was nothing in the way
of a reception at any of them till he left
the train at Rhyl for his customary drive
through the mountains. His progress was
known throughout the district by messages
passed on from village to village, and
all the countryfolk and their children
turned out to cheer their distinguished
countryman as he passed. The Prime
Minister appeared to be revived by the
familiar scenery of his beautiful country,
and his car went slowly so that he might
take his fill of the wonderful mountain
air, and in consequence he arrived at
Criccieth an hour later than was expected.
Thousands of people crowded the
little town. English visitors are spending
the summer in the neighbourhood in large
numbers, and many came from as far
afield as Carnarvon and Barmouth. They
with the eager townsfolk, waited patiently
in the shade of a large arch of ever-
greens erected across the railway opposite
the main street. The Prime Minister
and Mrs. Lloyd George were prevailed
upon to alight and enter a wagonette
gaily bedecked with flags, which was
drawn by the cheering crowd to the centre
of the town, where, under the green arch,
a halt was called, and the crowd pressed
around for handshakes. Mr. Lloyd
George, though pale and careworn, was
almost his usual buoyant self as he ex-
changed smiles with familiar faces. The
crowd sang "Land of our Fathers," and
then the deputy-chairman of the Urban
District Council, Mr. Harlech Jones,
climbed into the vehicle and spoke a brief
welcome. The Premier, after, after
thanking "my dear neighbours," in a few
sentences in Welsh, went on:

"I am sorry that it is only with diffi-
culty that I can speak. I am suffering a
little from my throat, and the doctor has
forbidden me to speak in the open or in-
side for the next fortnight. I thank you
also, my English friends, for your great
kindness in coming to welcome me to my
old home. I have come from a very diffi-
cult and anxious task. All I could do was
to do my best for my native land. The
deluge of war is over, and the beautiful
rainbow of peace is adorning the sky.
Let us all thank God that it is a peace
with victory for our native land."

The short ceremony over, the wagonette
moved on. Mr. Lloyd George cheerfully
waving to Dr. Gladstone Jones, the chair-
man of the council, who was confined to
his bed, and other aged friends who greet-
ed him from the windows. Such in-
scriptions as "Old Schoolmates Greet
You" and "Manchester Friends Greet
You" were hanging prominently in the
streets, and the Prime Minister was
visibly touched by the warm memories of
old associations as his eyes lit upon them.
Just before Brynawdon was reached there
was another arch bearing the words,
"Home, Sweet Home" and "Peace," and
with this final promise of the rest for
which he had come, Mr. Lloyd George
entered his home. The crowd made its
way back to the town, where fireworks dis-
plays continued till a late hour.

"REDUCE THE COST OF LIVING."

At a meeting of the National Execu-
tive of the Labour Party, the following
resolution was carried:—

"That the Labour Party once more
calls attention to the Government's fail-
ure to prevent merciless exploitation of
the public, and especially of low-paid
workers, under the present system of
Capitalist profiteering, which throughout
the war has grown still more ruthless,
and is now taking advantage of trade
combination, shortage in the supplies of
some commodities, and difficulty of trans-
port to increase its rapacious exactions,
and the Labour Party demands from the
Government a definite pledge that it will
either reduce the cost of living or resign,
and give some other Government an op-
portunity of organising the supply and
distribution of commodities at prices on
the basis of actual cost."

LOSS OF THE SENSE OF TOUCH. AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE.

Nothing more serious than mumps was
the cause of a Canadian soldier being
discovered who is claimed to be the most
remarkable man in the world. This is
an unquestionable conclusion to be drawn
from a description of the extraordinary
warrior given in the *London Lancet*.

The man was originally a Breton sailor.
He emigrated to Canada eight years ago,
and enlisted in the Canadian army.
Later he developed mumps and was sent
to a military hospital where his remark-
able qualities were discovered.

It was observed that the patient was a
well developed, powerful-looking man, of
a very cheerful, even temperamental, good-
natured and far removed from the neurotic
or hysterical type. But he was found
to be almost entirely devoid of sensation.
He is insensitive to pain and has un-
dergone serious operations without any
anaesthetic. His body is plentifully
strewn with the scars of wound and burns
that he has inflicted on himself for bets
or to astonish the onlookers. The author
of the account in the *Lancet* tells of see-
ing him hold a burning match against the
skin of his arms and then pick off the char-
red fibres. He has never suffered from
headache, toothache or pain of any other
description.

The patient possesses no sense of touch.
He cannot feel the ground with his feet,
and has to control his movements by sight.
He has consequent difficulty in walking
at night. There is a complete inability
to recognize objects placed in his hand
when his eyes are shut.

He cannot distinguish between heat or
cold whether in the temperature of food
or of the weather, and fever and chills
cause him to perspire or shiver, but with-
out any sensation of cold or heat.

No sense of muscular position seems
present, and the man says that he cannot
tell whether his arms or legs are moving
or not. He has no sense of fatigue and
the only way that he is made aware of
failing strength after prolonged and vio-
lent effort is by his falling to the ground.
He is unable to find his nose without
guiding his hands by sight and if he
be moved about when his eyes are closed
he is ignorant of the fact.

All notion of smell is absent. Even
fuming nitric acid was ineffective when
strongly inhaled.

The man is mentally sound and rather
above than below the average of intelli-
gence. As a child he appears to have had
a slight case of tooth, and he dates his
complete disappearance from the time
when he had an attack of yellow fever
in Sargol at the age of 17. His sight
and hearing, however, seem to be normal.

ILL-DRESSED STATESMEN.

45 BALD MEN WHO SETTLED THE
FATE OF EUROPE.

An unconventional description of the
Peace Conference delegates by Mr. Wm.
G. Shephard, the American correspondent,
on the lines of the tailors' criticism of the
Royal Academy, says that—45 members
were more or less bald, 51 with mous-
taches, and 3 with whiskers. The high
winged collar is "the statesmen's favo-
rite," but the palm was carried off by
Count Brockdorff-Rantzau, who on
"Medicine Day" wore a collar at least
three inches high decorated in front with
tiny wings.

The English made it the fashion to be
careless in dress. It was some of the
British who first appeared in what hitherto
has been considered an impossible com-
bination—a Derby hat and a cut-away
frock coat. Others followed suit, and
one warm spring day Secretary Lansing
appeared on the Rue Rivoli wearing his
bowler and a very neatly cut-away frock.

The English and the Americans were
those who seemed most glad of the op-
portunity to get into the short-coated
business suits. The French delegates never
appeared in short coats.

American suits, as viewed at the Peace
Conference, seemed to be made to fit their
particular wearers. The sound old British
suit was made to drape and hang. It
keeps one warm and covered, and it is
wide-necked, so that a man, if he will, may
draw his head down into it like a turtle
going into its shell.

The French business suit is made in
one certain way, with racy lines and a
tight waist. It is unchangeable. It does
not fit you. You must fit it.

It would appear that every year in
the United States the silk hat takes a
new form, while it remains unchanged
throughout the decades in Europe. Presi-
dent Wilson, Colonel House, Mr. White,
and Mr. Lansing all seemed unaware of
this fact. Their hats were not alike.
They were of various models, ranging
through some ten years of changes. When
they were not grouped together in their
silk hats the effect was not so alarming.
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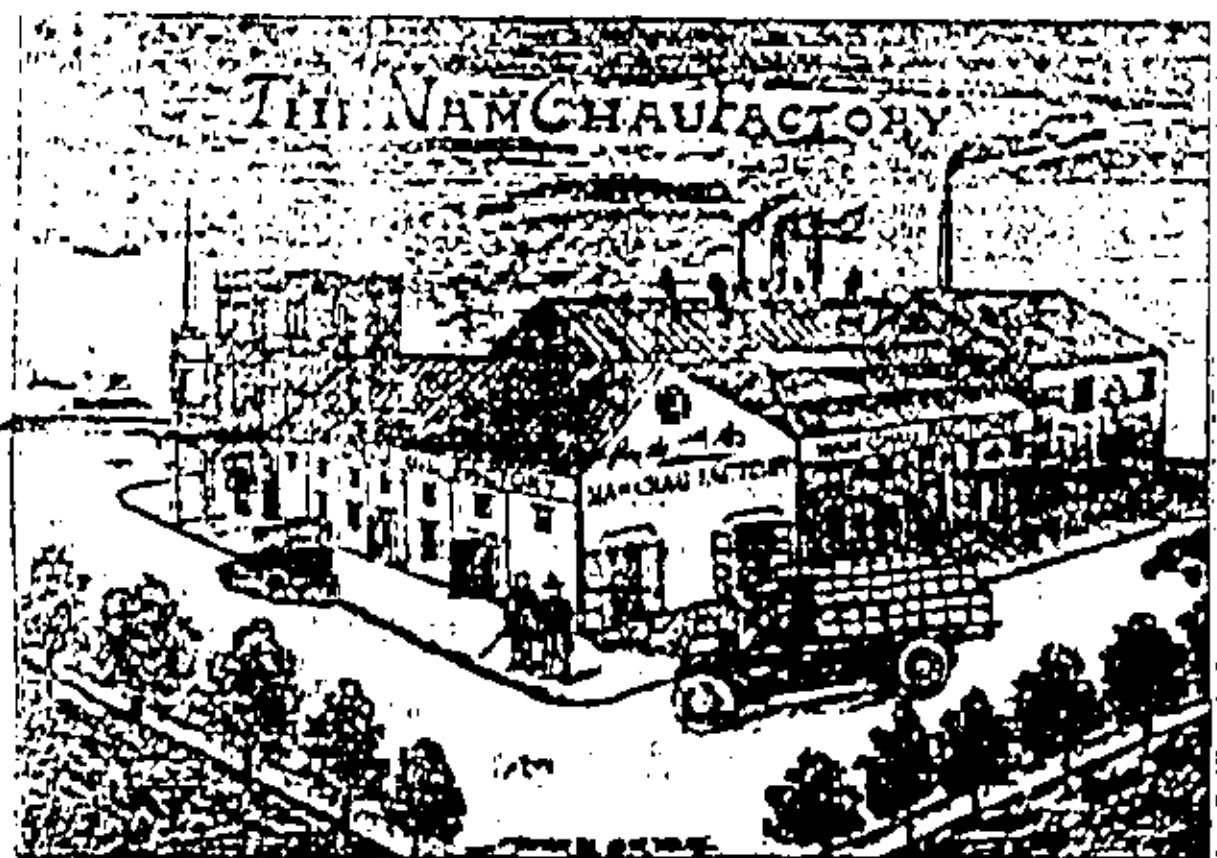
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IMPERIAL PARTNERSHIP. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

Viscount Milner, Secretary of State for the Colonies, and representatives of the Overseas Dominions were the guests of Sir John Randles, M.P., chairman of the Commercial Committee of the House of Commons at luncheon on July 9th.

Sir John Randles, in welcoming the guests, remarked that the Commercial Committee met representatives of the Allies in their conferences, but they had always been short of Overseas representatives of the British Dominions, and they would like, if it were possible, that the Dominions should be represented in the international meetings of the committee. (Cheers.)

Viscount Milner, in submitting "The Overseas Dominions," said: I propose on this occasion to be short and extremely practical. This is a business committee, and I do not propose, in asking you to drink the health of the Overseas Dominions, to dwell on the big question of constitutional relations between the United Kingdom and these Dominions. I have spoken on that subject very often, and on more appropriate occasions. I do not know whether the opinions which I have consistently expressed for about twenty years are well known to my fellow countrymen, but if they are not, I am afraid repeating them for the hundred and first time today would not make them very much better known. (Laughter.) All I can say is, that I regard the only possibility of a continuance of the British Empire is on a basis of absolute and equal partnership between the United Kingdom and the Dominions. (Cheers.) I say that without any kind of reservation or limitation whatever. It is very easy to say that; but undoubtedly the working out of it in practice, without bringing about the severance of relations between us and the Dominions, will be one of the most complicated tasks which statesmanship has ever had to face. Personally, I am not afraid of it, and yet I have to admit that the difficulties are such that our best efforts may end in failure. I hope not. At any rate, there is no other way out, and there is no other line on which solution can be found. (Of that I am perfectly convinced.)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

The matter to which Sir John Randles has referred is more or less an illustration of the kind of difficulty we shall have to meet. Your Commercial Committee, which I understand is a non-party Committee, (hear, hear) so much the better—has done very good work, and some of its best work has been in conferences with representatives of foreign nations. At the matter, the British Dominions have not been directly represented. No International Conference is really complete in these days unless the British Dominions are represented. (Hear, hear.) It is absurd to suppose—I do not wish to say anything offensively—but it is really absurd to suppose that the presence of Canada and Australia at International discussions is not at least of equal importance with that of Chili, Argentina, not to say Bolivia or Paraguay. These International Conferences are not complete without the direct representation of the Overseas Dominions, and I might go further and say that the United Kingdom members of Parliament, or other representatives of the United Kingdom, cannot efficiently represent these Overseas Dominions. We cannot do it; and we do not want to try; but we do naturally want them to be there. (Hear, hear.) Very naturally foreign representatives on these occasions raise a question as they have raised it in Paris over and over again during the last three months, if not publicly, at any rate, in discussion in private conversation. We have always been confronted with this position: They say, "Well, how do we stand? What are you? If these Dominions are independent nations, well and good; we are delighted to welcome them, and we welcome them exactly as we do the Argentine, Chili, Bolivia, and Paraguay. But you ask us to welcome them as British Dominions. They are part and parcel of you. If they are to be separately represented, that is merely a dodge of yours for doubling, trebling, and quadrupling your own representation. You are not at all in a dodge at all. (Hear, hear.) It is not with any desire to gain any advantage over foreign nations that we make this proposal. We press for the representation of the British Dominions because it corresponds to a fact, and because in their absence there is no really international conference. (Hear, hear.) We do not seek to gain, and I do not know that we shall gain, any special advantage for the United Kingdom out of it.

FUTURE OF THE DOMINIONS.

Anyway, there is the position, and it has got to be faced and got over. It is quite certain that in the future the British Dominions—the great British Overseas self-governing Dominions—will be independently represented in international affairs, and it is also quite certain—at least, I hope so—that inasmuch as they regard themselves as closely allied with us as members of a permanent political alliance which we call the British Empire, nothing that foreign nations can say, or any criticisms they can offer, can alter that. That is a matter among ourselves. (Hear, hear.) It is certain, I think, that if in International Conference treaties of the future the British Dominions appear as separate members foreign countries will have to accept the position that that does not prevent their remaining in a separate, distinct and intimate relationship of their own with the United Kingdom. (Hear, hear.)

"We have got to realise the two things—that they may be members of the League of Nations, side by side with the United Kingdom, and at the same time they have a right, as they intend to be the members of a British League of Nations inside the Empire. (Hear, hear.) However new and difficult that position, it corresponds with the essential facts of the situation, and forms will have to be devised to suit the fact. I have to apologise for the length of time I have detained you in this matter. I would only like to say that I hope this committee

will succeed in entering into closer relations with representatives of the Overseas Dominions. (Hear, hear.) I also hope that in the international conferences of the future the Overseas Dominions will be directly represented. (Hear, hear.) I am quite certain for my own part that their direct representation on these international conferences will do nothing to impair, but, in fact, may ultimately do a great deal to strengthen, the internal bonds within the Empire which unite us to these Dominions, and which are dear to us, and are more vital, I may say, to us in the United Kingdom and the Dominions even than the most cherished foreign relations. (Cheers.)

IMPERIAL TRADE.

Mr. McPherson, in reply, said they welcomed any association that would promote the world's peace, but they felt that any slackness on the part of Great Britain in regard to her Navy—if the Navy became impotent—that day would see the decline of the British Empire. They realised that the British Navy had meant to Australia and the other nations. (Cheers.) It must now be recognised that the Dominions had grown up, and they thought it was time that they were consulted about internal matters. (Hear, hear.) They were prepared to fight for the Empire, and they should be consulted in regard to matters that affected the Empire as a whole. (Cheers.) This nation had, in the past, been saved by her great sailors and soldiers, but it had been built up by the commercial men and traders of the Empire. (Hear, hear.) While, in this country, they asked them, overseas, to do what they could to trade with them, they thought that here, sometimes, they did not try to help themselves. He had known goods carried from New York, and Liverpool, to Australia at a lower rate of freight than similar goods, in the same ship, from Liverpool to Australia. Was that doing British trade any good? Within the last week he had been told that London merchants had offered Australian American steel at £11 a ton, while the British manufacturer wanted £16 a ton. He asked how Australia could trade with the old country on those conditions. (Hear, hear.)

Sir Percy Fitzpatrick also replied, and said there was a big task before them; but it was no greater than that which they were suddenly called upon to bear in 1914. There were certain rational steps that could be taken in the way of organisation and co-operation, so that we could have the best chance of discharging our enormous responsibilities. (Hear, hear.) Mr. McPherson had referred to the impossibility of carrying on trade when the commercial people of England were unable to offer the same opportunities as those of America.

BRITISH OUTPUT.

There was something more serious than that—something which commercial people could not themselves deal with, and that was the short fall of output per man. (Hear, hear.) While it was their duty and ambition to forward the interests of their own Dominions, there was a limit when they came into actual contact with the Mother Country. They could not pay any part of the British Dominions to draw the life-blood or to paralyse the heart. They existed by reason of England's greatness. (Hear, hear.) It was the heart, the centre of the strength and the foundation of the whole of the structure. How did they stand to-day? He would give them an instance which was the key to the whole thing. He had followed the Coal Commission report. He had been told that coal cost at the pit's mouth 22s. to 25s. 6d., and that it was likely to rise. The same heating value of coal could be produced in countless millions of tons in South Africa at from 7s. downwards. He knew all the difficulties of shipping, and they could not do an export trade with no returns. The tendency clearly was to show that the export coal trade here would go to parts other than this country. It need not necessarily go to South Africa. The coal measures, there extended into other parts, not under the British flag. That would be only the first thing; other industries could go to the coal, where there were coal and iron ores in enormous quantities. They could prosper well enough without going near that point, where the essential industries of the Mother Country would be paralysed. (Hear, hear.) He begged leave to say, even if it be at the risk of South Africa's trade prospects, that something ought to be done to bring home to everybody here the absolute necessity of recognising these facts, and making provision accordingly, so that the trade of the Mother Country might be properly built up, the output increased, and commercial people be able to catch the trade to which Mr. McPherson had referred. (Cheers.)

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Mi Maru, Japanese str., 3,671 tons, Capt. Shibata, from Yokohama and Nagasaki, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.
Burumbet, British str., 1,000 tons, from Ching Wan Tao, with a cargo of coal.—Doddell & Co.
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Persia Maru, Japanese str., 2,670 tons, Capt. Kondo, from San Francisco, with a general cargo.—T.K.K.
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Tajima Maru, Japanese str., 1,271 tons, Capt. Araki, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.
Persia Maru, on August 21st: Messrs. Victoria Branch, J. W. Bush, G. H. Cady, F. H. Corbett, M. D. Draper, E. E. Egan, M. P. Jernyma, Mr. and Mrs. William Jordan, Mr. Messers, T. W. Peterson, F. A. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. C. De Silva, Mr. and Mrs. M. Vandewer, Miss Margaret J. Wilson, Miss J. E. Wooten, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Duncan.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Tajima Maru* (Australia line) left Manila for this port on August 20th, and is expected here on August 23rd.
 The American and Manchurian Line s.s. *City of Florence* left New York on July 15th and is expected to arrive at Hongkong about September 15th.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

AUGUST 21ST A.M.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
Vladivostok	5 a.						
Nemuro	5 a.						
Hakodate							
Tokyo							
Kobe							
Nagasaki							
Kagoshima							
Oshima							
Naha							
Isigakijima							
Bonin Island							
Wei-hai-wei	5 a.						
Shanghai							
Chungking							
Swatow							
Taihou	5 a.	29.80	82	78	SE	4	b
Taihu		29.78	84	80	SE	4	b
Tainan		29.73	79	81	SE	4	b
Koshun		29.72	81	82	SE	4	b
Keelung		29.74	79	81	SE	4	b
Keelung	6 a.	29.73	79	81	SE	4	b
Hongkong		29.73	79	81	SE	4	b
Gap Hook		29.71	79	81	SE	4	b
Macao		29.74	77	81	SE	4	b
Wuchow	9 a.						
Houow							
Fukohi							
Phuhen	7 a.	29.76	77	86	SE	4	b
Houane		29.73	78	82	SE	4	b
Cape James		29.70	77	81	SE	4	b
Apurri	5 a.						
Lagupan							
Manila		29.68	77	88	SE	4	b
Legaspi		29.78	77	86	SE	4	b
Tacloban		29.70	79	80	SE	4	b
Iloilo		29.70	79	80	SE	4	b
Surigao							
Guam	4 a.	29.41					
Laosao	5 a.						

C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant.
 1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
 2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
 3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
 4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
 5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
 6. STATE OF SKY, by blue sky, c. detached cloud, d. drizzling rain, f. fog, g. gloomy, h. hail, l. lightning, o. overcast, p. passing showers, q. equal, r. rain, s. snow, t. thunder, v. visibility, w. dew, wet.
 7. RAIN, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

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STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE ON OR ABOUT	FOR
TJILATJAP	JAVA	23rd Aug.	23rd Aug.	JAPAN
TJIKINI	SHANGHAI	23rd Aug.	24th Aug.	JAVA
TJIMANOEK	JAVA	3rd Sept.	4th Sept.	JAVA
TJIPANAS	JAVA	3rd Sept.	—	—

Notes: The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers. All steamer agents and a daily qualified surgeon. Cargo taken at through rates to all ports in Netherlands India and Australia.
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WEATHER REPORT.

August 20th, 18.45.—Warning to Hongkong, Phulien, Coast Ports, etc.—Typhoon in Lat. 18 deg. N. Long. 122 deg. E. direction W.N.W. velocity 8 to 15 miles per hour.

August 21st 10.45.—Warning to Hongkong, Phulien, Coast Ports, etc.—Typhoon in Lat. 17 deg. N. Long. 118 deg. E. direction W.N.W. velocity 13 to 20 miles per hour.

August 21st, 11.40.—No returns from Vladivostok Japan and Waihaiwei. Pressure has increased considerably over Luzon and slightly over N. Annam. It has decreased moderately over Formosa and slightly along the coast of China.

The typhoon is moving rapidly on a W.N.W. track. It crossed Luzon last night. At 6 a.m. this morning was about 150 miles W.N.W. of Boline.

Another typhoon has formed near Guam and is apparently moving W.N.W.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.01 inch. Total since January 1st, 18.91 inches, against an average of 81.96 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon today is as follows:—

DISTRICT FORECAST.

N.E. to E. winds, freshening considerably; fine at first, squally and rainy later.

The same as No. 1.

South Coast of China between Hongkong and Lamooki No. 1.

South Coast of China between Hongkong and Lianan No. 1.

Formosa Channel No. 1.

South Coast of China between Hongkong and Lamooki No. 1.

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 Marseilles and London
 VIA STRAITS, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID.

S.S.	Leave Hongkong about	Due Marseilles about	Due London about
"NAGOYA"	8th Sept.	13th Oct.	22nd Oct.
"KHIVA"	23rd Oct.	28th Nov.	4th Dec.

FOR BOMBAY VIA STRAITS & COLOMBO.

S.S.	Leave Hongkong about	Due Bombay about
"DUNERA"	7th Sept.	26th Sept.

FOR CALCUTTA VIA STRAITS & RANGOON.

S.S.	Leave Hongkong about	Due Calcutta about
"ARRATON APCAR"	2nd Sept.	15th Sept.
"DUNERA"	25th Aug.	SHANGHAI Only

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For	Steamer	To Sail
SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 23rd Aug. 5 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"TEAN"	On 25th Aug. 11 A.M.
SWATOW and BANGKOK	"LUHONG"	On 28th Aug. 11 A.M.
SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 28th Aug. Noon.
WUHAIR, CANTON and TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 28th Aug. 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI and TSINGTAO	"KWANGSE"	On 28th Aug. 11 A.M.

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"QUINNEBAUG"	Capt. J. Medina	WEDNESDAY	27th Aug. at 1 P.M.
"HAIHAN"	Capt. A. H. Stewart	FRIDAY	29th Aug. at 1 P.M.

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BOMBAY VIA STRAITS & COLOMBO.

Steamer	Leave Hongkong about	Due Bombay about
DUNERA	17th Sept.	26th Sept.

FOR
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ARRATON APCAR ... 2nd Sept. ... 25th Sept.

SHANGHAI, MOJ, KOBE AND
YOKOHAMA

SS.	Leave Hongkong about	Shanghai Only
DUNERA	26th Aug.	

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INABA MARU	Friday, 22nd Aug. at Noon.
KAMO MARU	Friday, 5th Sept. at Noon.

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AKI MARU	Friday, 22nd Aug. at 11 a.m.
TANGO MARU	Wednesday, 24th Sept. at 11 a.m.

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KOSOKU MARU	Wednesday, 3rd Sept.
HWAE-WU	Middle of September.

CALCUTTA & RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.

YETOROFU MARU	Saturday, 6th Sept.
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JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.

TANGO MARU	Saturday, 23rd Aug. at 11 a.m.
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SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

BOMBAY MARU	Sunday, 24th August.
SHIZUOKA MARU	Thursday, 4th Sept. at 11 a.m.
KAGA MARU	Thursday, 18th Sept. at 11 a.m.

EXTRA SERVICES (Marseilles, Liverpool, Antwerp, etc.)

TAJIMA MARU (Marseilles & Liverpool)	Friday, 22nd August.
WAKASA MARU (London & Antwerp)	End of September.
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KOREA MARU	20,000	Sept. 10th.
NIPPON MARU	11,000	Sept. 25th.
TENYO MARU	22,000	Oct. 2nd.
SIBERIA MARU	20,000	Oct. 10th. (from Yokohama)
SHINYO MARU	22,000	Oct. 25th.

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KIYO MARU	17,500	Jan. 9th, 1920.

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DESTINATION	STEAMER & DISPLACEMENT	SAILING DATE.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"PORTHOS" ... 20,000	On or about 26th Aug.
	"PAUL LEGAT" ... 22,000	On or about 14th Sept.
	"SPHINX" ... 20,000	On or about 4th Oct.

MARSEILLES via HAIPHONG, SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DIBOUTI, SUEZ, PORT SAID	"ANDRE LEBON" ... 22,000	On or about 28th Aug.
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"ALASKA MARU" ... Saturday, 20th September.

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BUENOS AIRES, RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS, MAURITIUS, DURBAN AND CAPE TOWN via SINGAPORE.
"TACOMA MARU" ... Wednesday, 10th September.

BOMBAY COLOMBO—Regular fortnightly service via Singapore.
"BURMA MARU" ... Sunday, 21st August.

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"SHISEN MARU" ... Monday, 1st September.

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
SHANGHAI ...	Tsun ...	22nd Aug.
MANILA and AUSTRALIA ...	Tsun ...	22nd Aug.
MANILA and AUSTRALIA ...	Tsun ...	22nd Aug.
EUROPE via SUEZ ...	Ben ...	21st Aug.
EUROPE via SUEZ ...	Ben ...	21st Aug.
EUROPE via SUEZ ...	Ben ...	21st Aug.
EUROPE via SUEZ ...	Ben ...	21st Aug.
EUROPE via SUEZ ...	Ben ...	21st Aug.

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Ceylon, Maldives, South Africa, India via I. L. ...	Tsun ...	Friday, 22nd, 9.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island ...	Ali ...	Friday, 22nd, 9.45 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou ...	Ben ...	Friday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou ...	Ben ...	Friday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou ...	Ben ...	Friday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou ...	Ben ...	Friday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou ...	Ben ...	Friday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
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Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou ...	Ben ...	Friday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou ...	Ben ...	Friday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.

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Central Market, Saigon ...	1913
Quai de l'Indo-Chine, Saigon ...	1913
Swing Bridge, (165 feet span) Cam ...	1913
Water tower on pillars, 30 ft. high, (25,000 gals.) Saigon Railway ...	1913
Chartered Bank of I.A. & C., Singapore 1914	
Coaling Wharf, at Hongkong, with Crane Railway ...	1914
Wharf for French Govt. Mail Steamers in 10 metres water ...	1914
Railway Ferry Boat of Reinforced Concrete at Johore ...	1917

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, August 21st.

Barometer	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind Direction	Force	Weather
89.83	82.71	85	East	0	0.51
89.83	82.71	85	East	0	0.51
89.83	82.71	85	East	0	0.51
89.83	82.71	85	East	0	0.51
89.83	82.71	85	East	0	0.51

Highest open-air temperature on 20th ... 85

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